



In the Yorkshire & North Derbyshire Region

**Minutes of the Regional Retired Members' Association Committee
held at Grove Hall on Tuesday, 15th June 2010
at 10.30am.**

1. PRESENT

George Tutill (Chairman), Bill Hinsliffe, Dick Hazel, Neil Moore, Barry Christopherson and Graham Benton (Senior Organiser/RMA Coordinator).

2. APOLOGIES

Barnard Barron, Stan Bradbury, Marjorie Jones and Lita Southam (Secretary).

3. MINUTES OF 26/2/10 MEETING

Agreed.

4. MATTERS ARISING

a) Letter of thanks to be sent to Colin Burgon, former MP for Elmet who stood down at the last general election. It was also suggested that he be invited to join the RMA and pay the retired life membership one-off payment of £25.

b) The long standing matter of long service awards to be clarified by the national committee reps at their next meeting as it had been previously stated there would be a national award but from comments made at the national RMA conference it would appear this has been passed back to Regions to determine.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

All previously circulated to committee members with no outstanding matters.

6. TRIPS

- a) 1st September 2010 from York to Whitby confirmed.
- b) 2nd September 2010 from Leeds & Bradford to Whitby confirmed.
- c) Sheffield trips are 29th June 2010 to York and 26th July 2010 to Scarborough. Annual Christmas lunch at the Consort Suite, Thurcroft (Rotherham) on 9th December 2010.
- d) Details to be put on the Regional website by GB. LS to mail shot LS and BD postcodes as per last year.
- e) Concern was expressed at next year's annual trip being arranged to Benidorm without prior consultation with previous regular attendees, increased cost and unsocial flight times. GB undertook to investigate.

7. REPORTS

- a) National RMA Conference - held in Southport following Congress on 10th June 2010. BC attended as national committee rep and DH and BH as regional delegates with GB as observer. Further debate took place on the RMA constitution and it was confirmed this had now been ratified by the CEC and so in operation with immediate effect. (Copy attached) GB advised this would be an agenda item for the next meeting. Two of our motions were carried and the delegation agreed to refer the matter of travel insurance to the CEC organisation committee. (Conference documentation attached for easy reference) Confirmed that national conference would in future years be held in conjunction with GMB Congress, i.e. before, during or immediately following. GB commended for donating the bottle of whisky he won on the raffle to the Sheffield RMA Branch.
- b) Pensioners' Parliament, Blackpool - held on the week leading up to the RMA conference which meant our delegates had to leave a day early to attend. National committee reps to raise this clash of dates next year as the 2011 Congress/RMA national conference is in Brighton.

8. GMB@WORK

GB reported that the Region had grown by 2.3% over the last year to May 2010 compared to the national figure of minus 0.1% and was the second best amongst the Regions in terms of recruitment and growth in spite of the recession. As a result the Region was well on course to meet its targets for 2010. This has a direct impact on retired members as it provides for increased income to the Region enabling continued funding for RMA activities.

GB referred to comments made at the National RMA conference calling for increased involvement of retired members in Regional activities, (rather than just be a social club), to maintain momentum and contribute to the Region's growth by utilising the undoubted skills and experience of retired members. Even if colleagues could only spare a few hours to stuff recruitment packs this would be an invaluable help to office staff. Anyone wishing to help out should contact GB who will be happy to point them in the right direction.

9. RULE BOOK POSITION OF RETIRED MEMBERS IN POST

Concern was expressed that rule book post holders, e.g. Branch Secretaries etc, were obliged to continue paying full contributions despite having paid the one-off retired life membership payment of £25. GB expressed sympathy but pointed out this was outside our remit and could be referred either through a Branch to a rules revision Congress or raised as an agenda item at the next RMA national conference, who in any event would have to refer to Congress as this was a rule book matter.

10. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 12th October 2010 at Grove Hall commencing at 10.30am.